

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, )  
et al., )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

JOHN ASHCROFT, in his official capacity )  
as ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE )  
UNITED STATES, )

Defendant. )  
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CIVIL ACTION No. 98-CV-9951

**DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE  
TO FILE THE AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Defendant does not object to Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File the Amended Complaint,  
filed with this Court on December 10, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

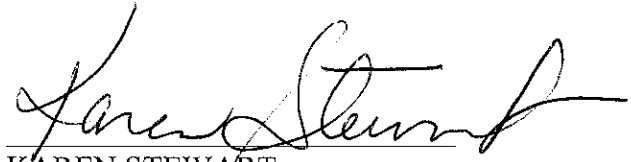
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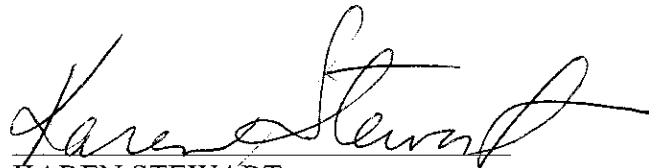
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